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1. The following table lists imports of nonferrous metals during the first quarter of 1953. Quantities are given in metric tons.

Copper from USSR	350.3	
from Austria	<u>20.4</u>	370.7
Lead from USSR	1,144.7	
from Bulgaria	32.9	
from noncommunist sources	<u>646.7</u>	1,824.3
Tin (pure) from USSR		244.4
Bronze from USSR		433.5
White metal (WML0) from USSR		35.8
Nickel from USSR		72.0
Solder from noncommunist countries		9.0
Mercury from USSR		50.1
Cobalt from USSR		10.7
Bismuth from USSR		22.3
Chromium from USSR		12.8
Silicon from USSR		18.2
Phosphor bronze wire from USSR		5.0

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Chrome nickel wire from USSR	4.7
Copper concentrate from Bulgaria	333.0
Lead concentrate from Bulgaria	256.4
Copper ore (Blister-Kupfer) ¹ from noncommunist countries	544.0
Lead strip from noncommunist countries	9.0
Aluminum foil from Czechoslovakia	14.2
Lead and copper ore from Bulgaria	109.4

2. A new zinc smelting plant is under construction near Freiberg in Saxony; it is not expected to go into production before the middle of 1954. It is expected to produce 99.9 percent pure zinc electrolytically from ore mined in this area and from scrap.

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Comment: Webster's Dictionary defines blister copper as metallic copper of a black, blistered surface, the final product of converting copper matte. It is about 96 to 99 percent pure.

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